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In re Application of: )  
Shigeo YAMAGATA, et al. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/628,023 ) : Group Art Unit: 2624  
Filed: July 28, 2000 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, ) : April 25, 2002  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, ) :  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, ) :  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM ) :

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited art was cited in a communication dated March 12, 2002, from the European Patent Office in a foreign counterpart application. A copy of the communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants submit that no fee is required because this information is being submitted before issuance of a first Office Action. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for consideration to Deposit Account No. 05-1205.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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